

### Summary

#### Headline<sup>1</sup> CPI inflation change (quarterly):

Brisbane	0.7%
Australia <sup>2</sup>	0.9%

#### Headline CPI inflation change (annual):

Brisbane	3.0%
Australia	2.9%

#### Market sector goods and services (core CPI) inflation change (Australia):

Quarter	0.2%
Annual	1.9%

<sup>1</sup> Headline CPI refers to All Groups.

<sup>2</sup> Australia refers to the weighted average of the eight capital cities.

### Commentary

- Brisbane's headline consumer price index (CPI) increased 0.7% in the March quarter 2010, remaining 3.0% higher over the year. In annual terms, Brisbane recorded the fourth-largest increase in headline consumer prices for all capital cities in Australia, behind Darwin, Perth and Hobart (Table 1).
- Compared with the Australian average for the March quarter 2010, Brisbane recorded stronger contributions from the CPI groups of *Transportation* and *Food*. These were partly offset by detractions from the *Clothing and footwear*, *Household contents and services* and *Recreation* groups (Figure 1).
- For Brisbane, the *Transportation* group made the largest contribution to inflation in the March quarter (0.27 of a percentage point). Within the *Transportation* category, *Urban transport fares* increased 13.9% in the quarter.
- For Brisbane, the *Household contents and services* group and *Recreation* group recorded the largest detraction from inflation in the March quarter (–0.19 of a percentage point each). Within the *Household contents and services* category, *Towels and Linen* decreased by 13.1% in the quarter. Within the *Recreation* category, *Audio, visual and computing equipment* decreased by 7.1% in the quarter.
- Australia's CPI for market sector goods and services, which excludes more volatile items, increased 0.2% in the March 2010 quarter, with annual inflation of 1.9%.

Table 1: Percentage change in the CPI

Capital city	March quarter 2010		December quarter 2009	
	Quarterly	Yearly	Quarterly	Yearly
Sydney	0.8	3.0	0.6	2.2
Melbourne	1.3	2.8	0.6	1.8
<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>2.5</b>
Adelaide	0.6	2.6	0.3	2.0
Perth	1.1	3.4	0.6	2.1
Hobart	0.8	3.2	0.6	2.6
Darwin	0.5	3.5	–0.1	3.0
Canberra	0.6	2.6	0.4	2.3
<b>Australia</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>2.1</b>

Figure 1: Quarterly CPI contributions, by group, March quarter 2010

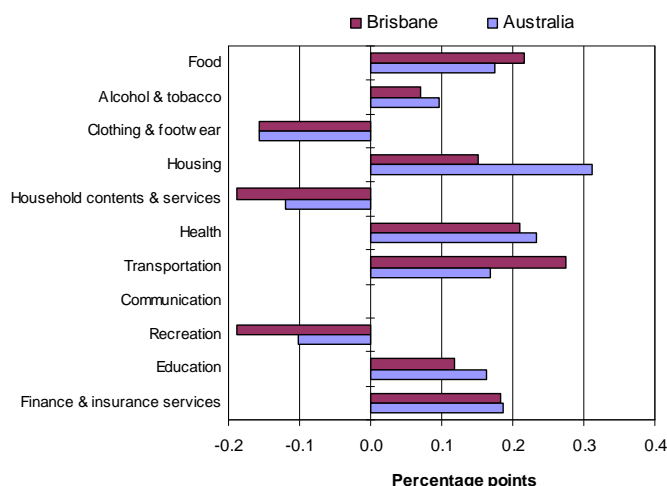


Figure 2: CPI annual change, Australia

